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Paca House,
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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY
John H. Scarff - District Officer,
1012 Keyser Building, Baltimore, Md.

William Paca House (Carvel Hall Hotel)
186 Prince George Street
Annapolis
Anne Arundel County
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WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION

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ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

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STATE Maryland		COUNTY Anne Arundel	TOWN OR VICINITY Annapolis
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) William Paca House			HABS NO. MD-253
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Carvel Hall Hotel			
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 136 Prince George Street			
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1765		ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) The five-part Georgian mansion of Governor William Paca, signer of the Declaration of Independence.			
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Georgian			
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Brick: The main facade in all header brick, the others of Flemish bond. The structural system is of brick bearing walls with wooden floors.			
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Two and one-half stories over a six-foot high basement; one and one-half story wings; U-shaped; main block about 48' long, connecting links about 22 ft. long, wings about 20 feet long.			
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gabled roof sections, interior end chimneys, gabled and shed dormers, front central entrance with transom, one-story pedimented porch with balustrade, rear central projecting gable section			
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)			
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The house underwent a complete restoration from 1964-1976.			
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Museum			
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Deering Davis states that the house was called Carvel Hall Hotel because it was used as background in Winston Churchill's novel 'Carvel Hall'. For historical information see data page 2.			
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Davis, Deering. <u>Annapolis Houses, 1700-1775</u> , NY: Bonanza Books, 1947. pp.88-90. National Register of Historic Places, 1976, p.310.			
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleni Silverman, HABS			DATE 3/8/84

Miscellaneous historical information:

May 30, 1763. Hall of Records, Anne Arundel Deeds, B.B. No. 2,
May 30, 1763

Indenture between Thomas Johnson, Jr. of Annapolis, Attorney-at-Law and William Paca of Annapolis, Attorney-at-law for £180 Sterling paid..."All those two Lotts of Ground...devised by Thomas Bordley deceased to his Sons John and Thomas..." (Lots No. 93 and No. 104).

1780 [day?]. Provincial Court Deeds, DD 6, p. 479

William Paca sells lots 93 and 104 to Thomas Jennings, the lots on which WP lately resided.

1798. Federal Assessment of 1798 John Jacobs No. 7 - Annapolis and Middle Neck, (photostat of ms, MD. Hall of Records), p. 10.

Name of Occupant or Possessor	Henry Stier
Name of Owner -	Thos. Jennings heirs
Remarks Situation Dimensions or Area Number of Storys and Materials of which built both of Swelling Houses and out Houses also Circumstances under which an exception from Valua- tion is claimed -	One Brick Swelling House Two Story 48x44 with Passages leading to the Kitchen and Offices 36 by 15 each Single Story
Number of Houses so Admitted to be Subject to Valuation	Swelling Houses - 1 Out Houses - 2

Nov. 1, 1798. Maryland Gazette (p.2, c.1)

Maryland Gazette (Annapolis), Nov. 1, 1798

"Yesterday morning the roof of the house in the occupation of H. J. Stier, Esquire, caught fire in several places, but by timely exertions the fire was prevented from doing any damage, except to the roof, which was considerably injured".

Stier arrived in Maryland 1794. Estates in France confiscated. Returned to Belgium in 1802. Operated a Maryland farm called "Riverdale". See Joseph T. Durkin, S.J., "A Belgian Emigre Looks at America in the Early National Period", Maryland Historical Magazine, Dec. 1958 (Vol. 53, No. 4) pp. 317-325"

Miscellaneous historical information:(cont'd) :

May 15, 1965. Evening Capital (Annapolis)

An apparently well-informed anonymous writer in The Evening Capital (Annapolis) for May 15, 1965, states that William Paca married Miss Mary Chew of Philadelphia on May 26, 1763, that a letter describing the Paca House is quoted in Beirne and Scarff's book on William Buckland. That Thomas Jennings died in 1786 and that the Jennings heirs sold the house to Louis Neth in 1802.

Inventory of Louis Neth, Jr., Nov. 21, 1832

Hall of Records, Liber _____, 1831-34, lists property in the following mentioned rooms: "Library Room", "Drawing Room", "Passage", "Dining Room", "Store Room", "Bed Room left hand passage", "Passage up Stairs", "Room fronting head of the stairs", "Room on right hand passage", "Pantry" and "Chemical Room".

[Note: This list of rooms doesn't conform too well to the house as it stands today but there may have been particular reasons for that.]

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